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HE WAS AN EMINENT SCIENTIST, AUTHOR OF A BOOK ON THE TRUE FACTS ABOUT SORCERY AND MAGIC! TO HIM, THE STORIES WERE FOOLISH LEGENDS...NOTHING MORE! BUT THINGS CAN HAPPEN TO CHANGE AN "AUTHORITY'S" MIND!

OUT OF THE FOG!

I HAVE SPENT THE BETTER PART OF MY LIFE DEBUNKING SO-CALLED OTHER-WORLD PHENOMENA! THE LEGENDS OF ANCIENT SORCERERS AND MAGICIANS ARE ONLY LEGENDS, AND HERE IS THE UNDENIABLE PROOF...IF EVER A MAN LIVED IN THOSE ANCIENT TIMES WHO POSSESSED THE POWERS THE MAGICIANS WERE SAID TO HAVE POSSESSED, THEN THAT MAN WOULD HAVE BEEN KING OF THAT WORLD, INSTEAD OF A MERE MAGICIAN!

PROFESSOR, OUR READERS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU HAPPENED TO BECOME SO INVOLVED IN YOUR PRESENT PURSUIT!
BECAUSE I HATE TO SEE PEOPLE FOOLED! I DISLIKE SMUG STORIES ABOUT MAGICIANS AND SORCERERS AND THEIR POWERS WHICH ARE ACCEPTED WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT!
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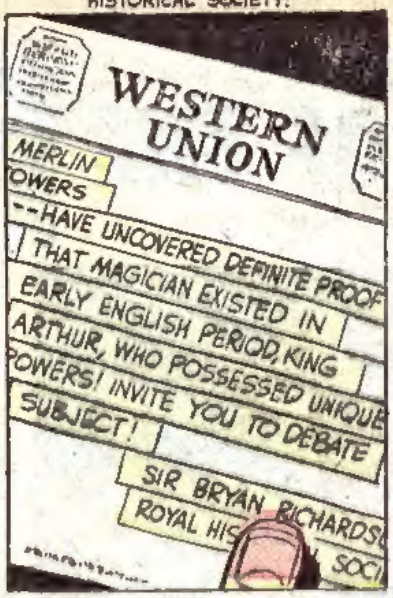
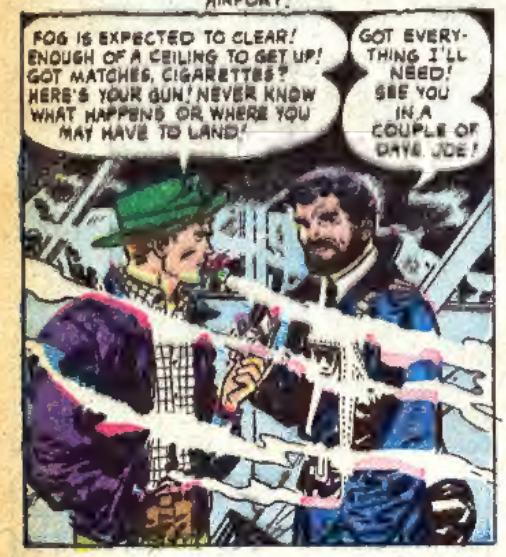
TELEGRAM, PROFESSOR MERLIN!
YOU PEOPLE OF THE PRESS CAN QUOTE MY LAST SENTENCE... THAT IF THOSE LEGENDARY MAGICIANS HAD EXISTED, WITH THE MAGICAL POWERS CREDITED TO THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE RULED THE WORLD!

PROFESSOR MERLIN OPENED THE TELEGRAM! IT WAS FROM THE BRITISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY!



JOE, GET MY PLANE READY! I'M FLYING TO LONDON TONIGHT! FOG? WELL KEEP CHECK WITH THE WEATHER REPORTS! I'LL BE THERE IN ABOUT AN HOUR!

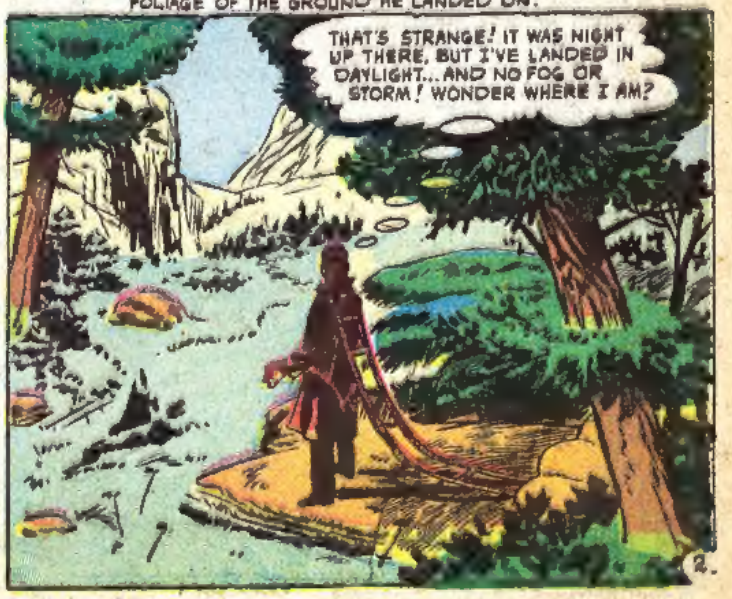
AN HOUR LATER, THE PROFESSOR ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT!


FOG IS EXPECTED TO CLEAR! ENOUGH OF A CEILING TO GET UP! GOT MATCHES, CIGARETTES? HERE'S YOUR GUN! NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENS OR WHERE YOU MAY HAVE TO LAND!
GOT EVERY-THING I'LL NEED! SEE YOU IN A COUPLE OF DAYS, JOE!

THE PLANE SWEPT THROUGH THE NIGHT! INSTEAD OF THINNING OUT, THE FOG BECAME THICKER!

HE JUMPED IN THE PEA-SOUP FOG! THE PARACHUTE OPENED AND HE FLOATED DOWN! LIGHTNING CUT THROUGH THE VAPOR VEIL AND THUNDER CRASHED...

SUDDENLY, THE FOG WAS GONE! SUNSHINE PAINTED THE HILLS AND FOLIAGE OF THE GROUND HE LANDED ON!



'TIS NOT A BIRD AS THOU SAID, THANE! 'TIS A MAN, YET A STRANGE ONE WITHALL! PERCHANCE THIS BE A WIZARD OF SOME SORT!

YOU SPEAK ENGLISH! GOOD! I'M JUST AN ORDINARY MAN, LIKE YOU! TELL ME WHERE AM I?

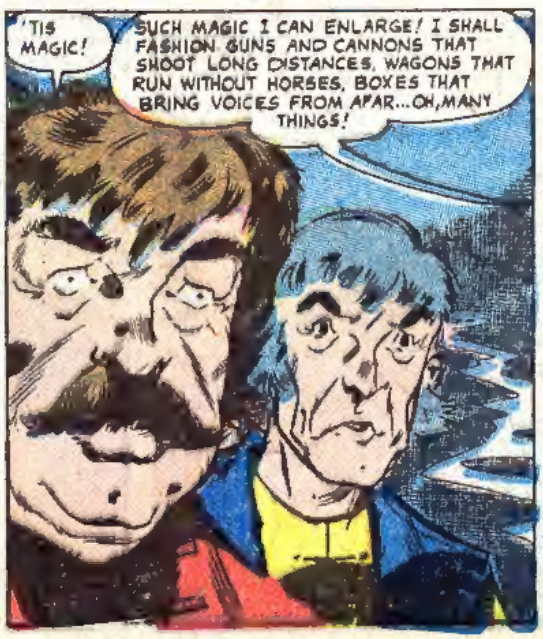
THIS BE THE REALM OF CAMELOT ON ENGLAND'S SHORES, GOOD SIR! COME THOU TO THE VILLAGE TO REST! WE WOULD HEAR MORE OF YOU! PERHAPS OUR GOOD LIEGE LORD, KING ARTHUR, WOULD CRAVE SPEECH WITH THEE!

KING ARTHUR? CAMELOT? THE STORM, THE FOG... COULD IT BE THAT THROUGH SOME STRANGE COINCIDENCE, I FELL THROUGH A RENT IN TIME AND LANDED IN THE PAST?

HE WAS SKEPTICAL, BUT AFTER EATING IN THE TAVERN, LISTENING AND THINKING OVER ALL HE SAW, HE CONCLUDED THAT IT HAD HAPPENED... HE WAS IN THE ANCIENT PAST ERA OF ENGLAND!
BEHOLD! HE MAKES FIRE COME INSTANTLY FROM A TINY STICK!

SMOKE COMES FROM HIM! 'TIS SORCERY!
THEY ARE IN AWE OF ME ALREADY! WITH THE KNOWLEDGE I POSSESS FROM THE ADVANCED AGE, I CAN MAKE MYSELF A KING HERE!

I HAVE MANY POWERS! WATCH! I WILL KILL FROM A DISTANCE WITH THIS THUNDER ROD, THE GOOSE THE LANDLORD IS BRINGING TO THE SUPPER AX!


'TIS MAGIC!
SUCH MAGIC I CAN ENLARGE! I SHALL FASHION GUNS AND CANNONS THAT SHOOT LONG DISTANCES, WAGONS THAT RUN WITHOUT HORSES, BOXES THAT BRING VOICES FROM AFAR... OH, MANY THINGS!

TONIGHT I REST! TOMORROW, WE WILL BEGIN AND I WILL SHOW YOU WONDERS SUCH AS YOU HAVE NEVER DREAMED OF!

THE DAYS PASSED, AS THE PROFESSOR TOILED AT FORGE AND OVEN!

IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T MAKE THESE THINGS WITH THE POOR EQUIPMENT OF THIS AGE! I THOUGHT I KNEW SO MUCH, BUT THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I DON'T KNOW! HOW TO REFINE COPPER TO MAKE CONDUCTORS? HOW TO MAKE GUNPOWDER? THE BASIC THINGS ARE BEYOND ME!

WEEKS PASSED! WORD OF THE STRANGER SPREAD! SERFS CAME FROM MILES TO SEE HIM! MEANWHILE, HE TOILED AND GOT NOWHERE!

THE BASIC MACHINES TO BUILD THE THINGS I WANT ARE MISSING, AND I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO MAKE THEM WITH THE MATERIALS AT HAND! I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GIVE UP!

YOU HAVE FAILED TO PRODUCE THOSE THINGS YOU SPOKE OF! HERE, ALL MEN MUST EARN THEIR KEEP! NOW YOU MUST HELP **US** IN OUR WORK!

BUT HE STILL RAN INTO TROUBLE...

I CAN'T SEEM TO GET THE HANG OF THIS POTTERY-MAKING BY HAND! I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO DO **ANYTHING!**

THOU ART A POOR MAN, LOWER THAN THE LOWLIEST SERF! ONLY THY MAGIC HAVE THEE! NOTHING ELSE CANST THOU DO RIGHT!

OUR LORD LIEGE, KING ARTHUR OF PENDRAGON COMES!

KNEEL TO THY **KING**, VARLET!

NAY, HAVE DONE, GALAHAD! WE HAVE HEARD MUCH OF THEE AND THY MAGIC, STRANGER! SHOW US THY POWERS!

THE PROFESSOR LIT MATCHES, SMOKED AND FIRED THE PISTOL...

VERILY, 'TIS SORCERY! 'TIS SAID THOU HAST NO ABILITY TO EARN THY BREAD, THEREFORE MUST THOU BECOME A SLAVE! BUT, A SLAVE WITH PRIVILEGES, FOR THOU WILT BECOME MY PERSONAL MAGICIAN! HOW ART THOU CALLED?

I AM CHARLES MERLIN!

HENCEFORTH, THOU SHALL BE **MERLIN THE MAGICIAN!** AND THE WORLD WILL EVER SPEAK OF THY MAGICAL POWERS!

YES, THE WORLD WILL SPEAK OF THE MAN WHO **THOUGHT** TO BE A **KING**, BUT BECAME A **SLAVE** INSTEAD! AND ONE FOOL IN THE FUTURE WILL SPEND ALL HIS LIFE TRYING TO PROVE I **NEVER EVEN EXISTED!**

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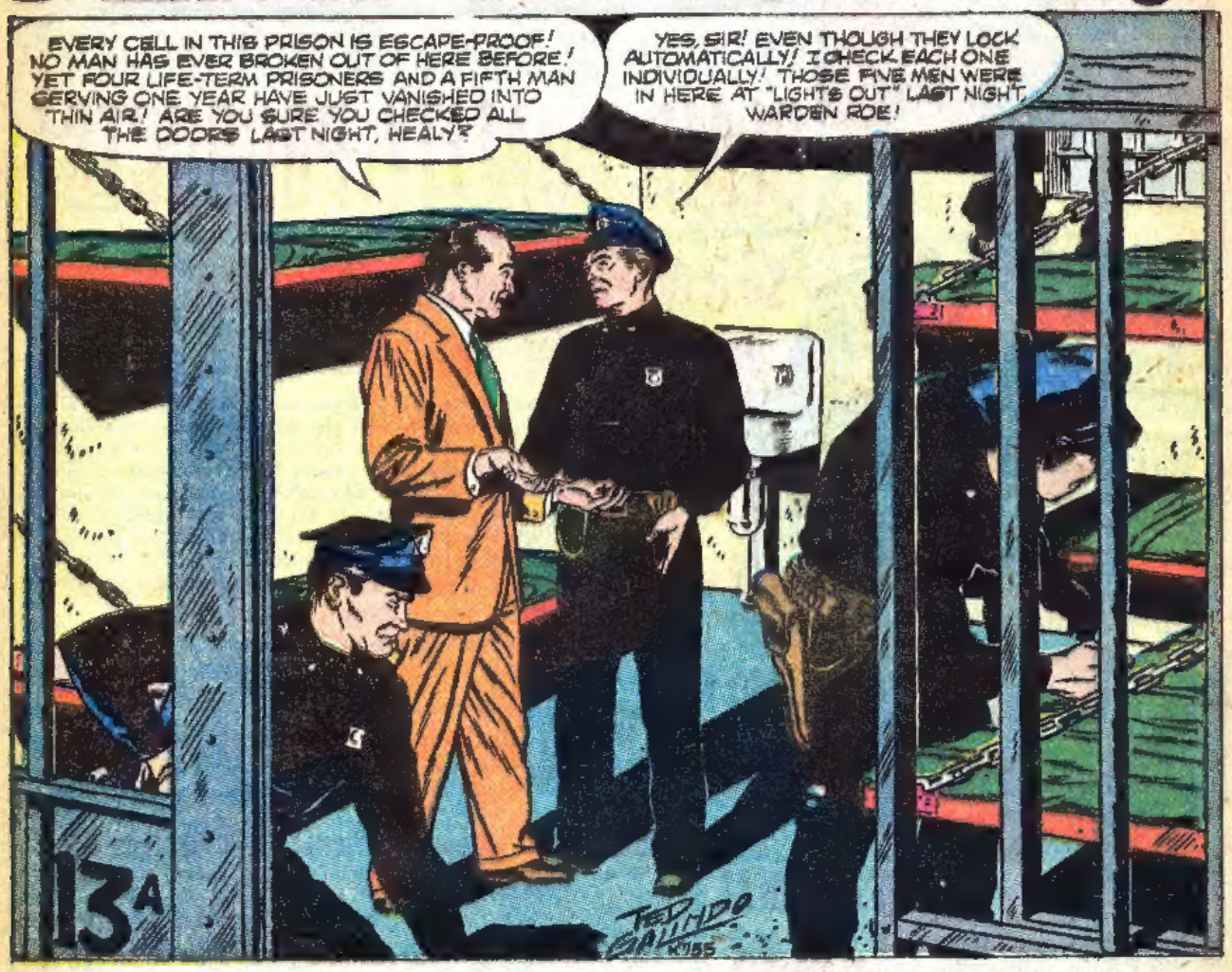
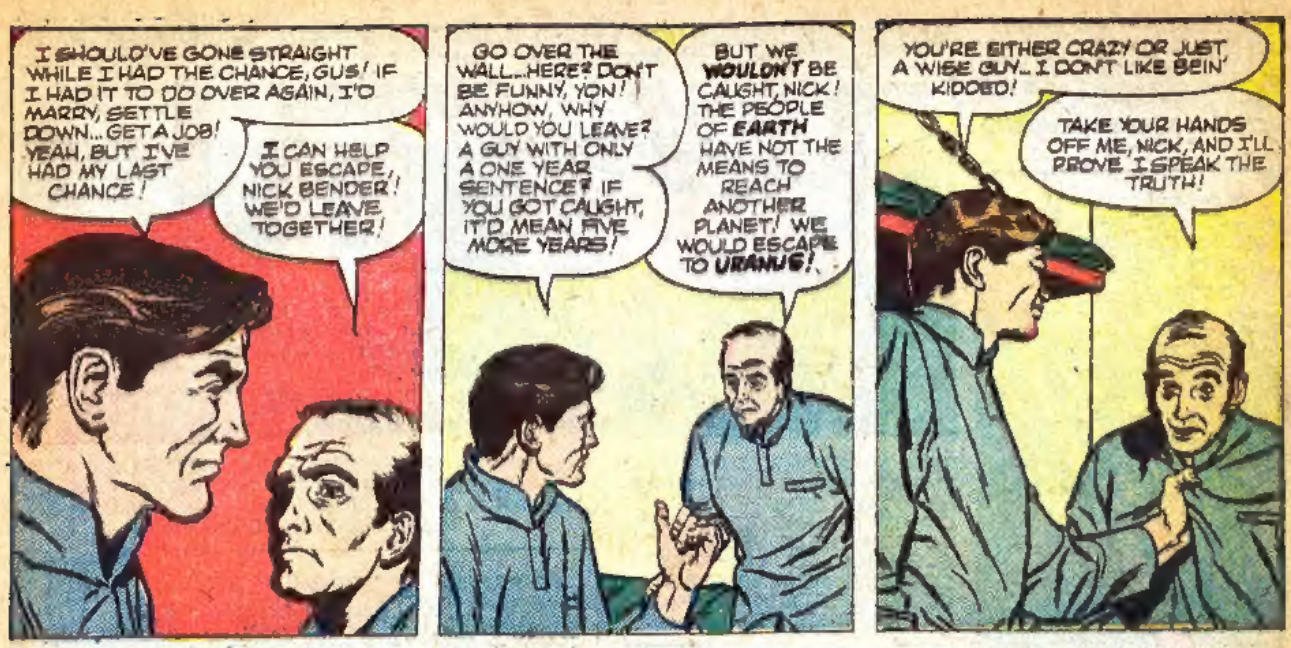
THERE WERE FIVE MEN IN CELL *13A!* ESCAPE WAS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT ONE DAY, THE CELL WAS EMPTY! THERE WAS JUST ONE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THE MISSING CONVICTS..THEY WERE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

THE EMPTY CELL!


EVERY CELL IN THIS PRISON IS ESCAPE-PROOF! NO MAN HAS EVER BROKEN OUT OF HERE BEFORE! YET FOUR LIFE-TERM PRISONERS AND A FIFTH MAN SERVING ONE YEAR HAVE JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR! ARE YOU SURE YOU CHECKED ALL THE DOORS LAST NIGHT, HEALY?
YES, SIR! EVEN THOUGH THEY LOCK AUTOMATICALLY! I CHECK EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY! THOSE FIVE MEN WERE IN HERE AT "LIGHTS OUT" LAST NIGHT, WARDEN ROE!
13A
TED GALLIDO

BUT THOSE FIVE CONVICTS **DID** FLY AWAY, WARDEN ROE! IT STARTED THE NIGHT BEFORE! NICK BENDER, A FOURTH OFFENDER, WAS DOING LIFE AND HE WAS LIKE A CAGED ANIMAL...

FIVE OF US COOPED UP TOGETHER FOR YEARS! THEY'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT BUILDIN' A NEW WING 'CAUSE THIS ONE'S SO CROWDED! THAT'S ALL THEY DO IS TALK!
YOU DON'T LIKE THIS HOTEL, NICK? YOU SHOULD'VE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE ACCOMMODATIONS **BEFORE** YOU ROBBED THAT BANK!


I SHOULD'VE GONE STRAIGHT WHILE I HAD THE CHANCE, GUS! IF I HAD IT TO DO OVER AGAIN, I'D MARRY, SETTLE DOWN... GET A JOB!
YEAH, BUT I'VE HAD MY LAST CHANCE!
I CAN HELP YOU ESCAPE, NICK BENDER! WE'D LEAVE TOGETHER!
GO OVER THE WALL...HERE? DON'T BE FUNNY, YON! ANYHOW, WHY WOULD YOU LEAVE? A GUY WITH ONLY A ONE YEAR SENTENCE? IF YOU GOT CAUGHT, IT'D MEAN FIVE MORE YEARS!
BUT WE WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT, NICK! THE PEOPLE OF EARTH HAVE NOT THE MEANS TO REACH ANOTHER PLANET! WE WOULD ESCAPE TO URANUS!
YOU'RE EITHER CRAZY OR JUST A WISE GUY... I DON'T LIKE BEIN' KIDDED!
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME, NICK, AND I'LL PROVE I SPEAK THE TRUTH!

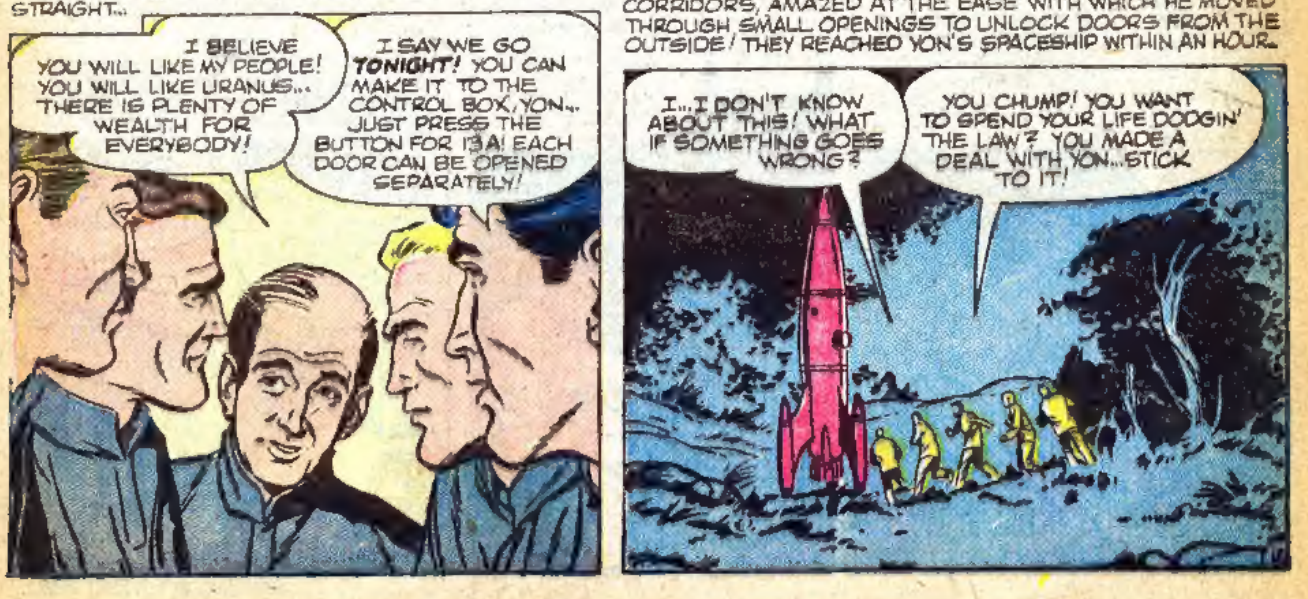
WITH ONLY SIX INCHES OF SPACE BETWEEN EACH CELL BAR, YON HONDA EASILY PASSED BETWEEN THEM...

THE MAN FROM URANUS RETURNED AND HE EXPLAINED TO HIS AWED CELLMATES...

LOOK AT THAT! THAT CHARACTER IS NO ORDINARY MAN!
WHAT WOULD A GUY FROM ANOTHER PLANET BE DOIN' HERE...ESPECIALLY A BIRD WHO COULD WALK OUT ANY TIME HE WANTS?
URANUS NEEDS PEOPLE! I CAME HERE TWO YEARS AGO AND QUICKLY LEARNED THE LANGUAGE! I ALSO LEARNED THAT NOBODY ON THE OUTSIDE WOULD GO BACK TO MY PLANET WITH ME! THEREFORE, I DELIBERATELY DID SOMETHING THAT WOULD GET ME INTO PRISON FOR A YEAR!
YOU FIGURED GUYS LIKE US WOULD HAVE NOTHIN' TO LOSE! YOU'RE RIGHT, PAL!

THE FOUR LIFERS QUICKLY AGREED TO GO ANYWHERE TO BE FREE...TO HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE TO GO STRAIGHT...

YON HONDA OPENED AND CLOSED CELL DOOR 13A! HIS FELLOW CONVICTS FOLLOWED STEALTHILY ALONG DARKENED CORRIDORS, AMAZED AT THE EASE WITH WHICH HE MOVED THROUGH SMALL OPENINGS TO UNLOCK DOORS FROM THE OUTSIDE! THEY REACHED YON'S SPACESHIP WITHIN AN HOUR.


I BELIEVE YOU WILL LIKE MY PEOPLE! YOU WILL LIKE URANUS... THERE IS PLENTY OF WEALTH FOR EVERYBODY!
I SAY WE GO TONIGHT! YOU CAN MAKE IT TO THE CONTROL BOX, YON... JUST PRESS THE BUTTON FOR 13A! EACH DOOR CAN BE OPENED SEPARATELY!
I...I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS! WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?
YOU CHUMP! YOU WANT TO SPEND YOUR LIFE DODGIN' THE LAW? YOU MADE A DEAL WITH YON...STICK TO IT!

CHET DAWES, THE FORGER, WORRIED A LITTLE MORE, BUT HE WENT ALONG ANYHOW! THE BAD THING ABOUT THE JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE WAS TIME! NICK HAD TO KEEP REMINDING HIMSELF...

SEEMS LIKE WE'LL NEVER GET THERE, BUT THIS IS NO WORSE THAN PASSIN' TIME IN A CELL! AND I'LL BE **FREE** ON **URANUS!**

YON HONDA HAD RADIOED AHEAD! A GREAT THRONG CROWDED ONTO THE SPACEPORT AND CHEERED THEIR ARRIVAL...

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THERE WEREN'T MANY PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET!

THIS IS THE ENTIRE POPULATION, NICK! ONLY OUR KING IS NOT HERE! YOU WILL MEET HIM AT HIS PALACE!

THEY WERE WHISKED AWAY FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT WITH **KING HAAU** NICK BENDER, CHET DAWES, THE RACKETEER BULL SUTTON, THE JEWEL THIEF GUS MILLS...FOUR ESCAPED CONVICTS WELCOMED AS ROYAL GUESTS IN THIS FAR, DISTANT WORLD...

THEY WERE FURNISHED WITH GARMENTS BY THE ROYAL TAILOR BEFORE THEY MET THE SOVEREIGN! LATER, AT A LAVISH AND EXOTIC BANQUET...YON ACTED AS AN INTERPRETER FOR THE KING...

...AS YOU SEE, MY EARTHLING FRIENDS, WE HAVE MANY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ON OUR PLANET! IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE YOU WILL MARRY AND HAVE FAMILIES!

PERHAPS IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS HERE, OTHER EARTHLINGS WILL BE CONVINCED THEY, TOO, WOULD BE HAPPY ON URANUS!

LOOK AT THOSE "ROCKS!" NICK...THE BIGGEST DIAMONDS AND EMERALDS I'VE EVER SEEN! THE KING'S WEARING A COOL MILLION RIGHT ON HIS HEAD!

LAY OFF GUS! DON'T GO GETTIN' ANY IDEAS!

OH, I'M REFORMED, NICK, WHAT ABOUT **YOU?** THERE'S A LOT OF WEALTH LAYIN' AROUND! THINK YOU CAN RESIST TEMPTATION?

AFTERWARD, YON HONDA GAVE HIS FORMER CELLMATES A STRONG HINT BEFORE TAKING LEAVE OF THEM...

IT IS **DIFFERENT** ON **URANUS!** OUR PEOPLE ARE **HONEST!** EVERYONE HAS ENOUGH OF EVERYTHING! IT WOULD NOT BE WISE FOR ANY MAN TO APPROPRIATE WHAT BELONGS TO **ANOTHER** MAN!

WE TOLD YOU, WE'RE GOIN' STRAIGHT, YON! WE MADE OUR MISTAKES, BUT WE'RE NOT RUININ' THIS CHANCE TO LIVE CLEAN!

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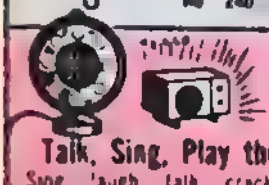

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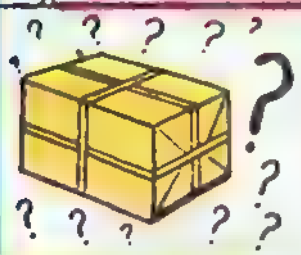

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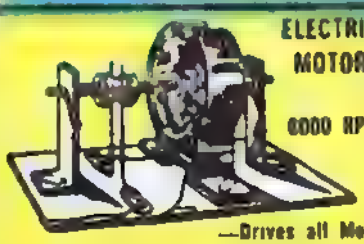

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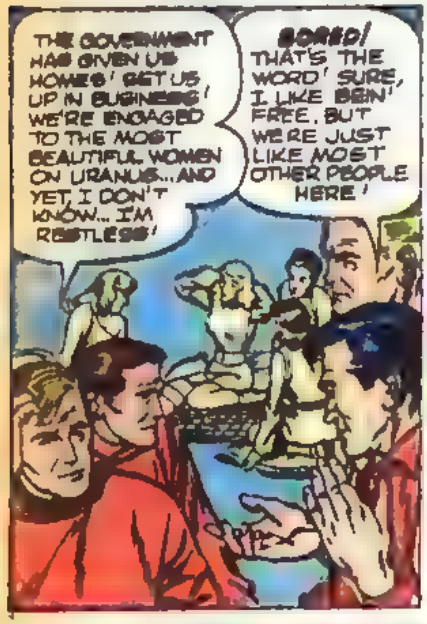

THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN US HOMES! SET US UP IN BUSINESS! WE'RE ENGAGED TO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ON URANUS...AND YET, I DON'T KNOW... I'M RESTLESS!
BORED! THAT'S THE WORD! SURE, I LIKE BEIN' FREE. BUT WE'RE JUST LIKE MOST OTHER PEOPLE HERE!

THERE'S A LOT OF LOOT AROUND! BUT WE'RE DOIN HERE WHAT NONE OF US WAS WILLIN' TO DO ON EARTH...WORK, HARD TO MAKE A DOLLAR! IF I COULD JUST FIGURE SOME ANGLE... SOME RACKET!
KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, BULL!

THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T WORK SOMETHIN TOGETHER THE ROYAL TREASURY! THEY GOT A LOCK ON THAT I COULD SPRING WITH A HAIRPIN' AND THERE'S NO GUARD! SURE THEY'D SUSPECT US, BUT THEY COULDN'T PROVE ANYTHING!
COUNT ME OUT OF ANY DEAL LIKE THAT, NICK I'M STRICTLY A PENMAN A FORGER! I'D RATHER STICK TO MY OWN WAY OF WORKING!

IT WAS JUST A MONTH LATER! THE FOUR EARTHLINGS WERE SUMMONED TO THE PALACE...

TWO WEEKS AGO, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE TREASURY HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO AND LOOTED OF MUCH GOLD. ALSO, MY PRIVATE VAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED...MANY PRECIOUS GEMS ARE MISSING! YESTERDAY, I LEARNED SOMEONE HAD THE AUDACITY TO SIGN MY NAME TO CERTAIN VALUABLE DOCUMENTS!

HIS MAJESTY ALSO SPOKE OF A RACKET GAMBLING, WHERE FEW EVER WON, BUT THE MAN BEHIND IT WAS GROWING RICH QUICKLY

YOU DIDN'T CALL US HERE JUST TO TELL US ALL THIS! IF YOU'RE MAKIN' ACCUSATIONS, YOU GOT TO PUT YOUR PROOF ON THE LINE!
SUCH THINGS NEVER HAPPENED ON URANUS BEFORE YOU CAME HERE! MY SUBJECT YOU HONDA TELLS ME YOU WERE IMPRISONED ON EARTH FOR THE CRIMES MENTIONED! I NEED NO FURTHER PROOF! HOWEVER, SINCE YOU ARE GUESTS ON THIS PLANET I'LL GO EASY WITH YOU!!

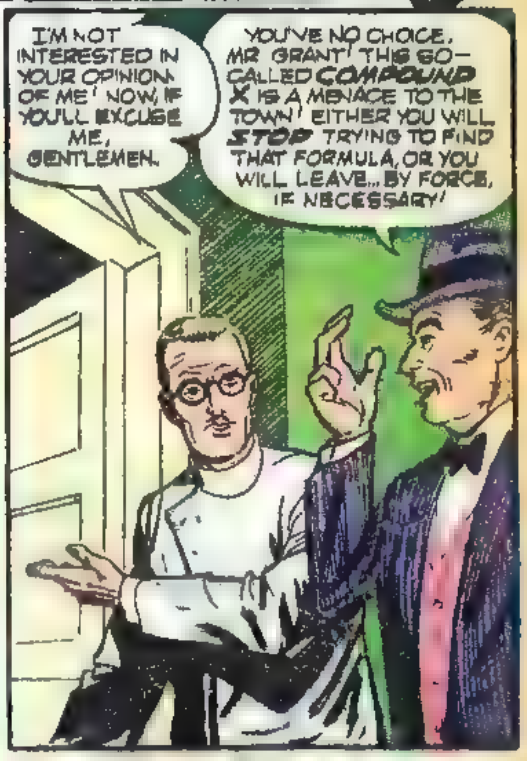
ONE DAY NOT VERY LONG AFTERWARD, WARDEN JOHN ROE AND HIS GUARDS WERE STAGGERED BY A MYSTERY EVEN MORE ASTOUNDING THAN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE FIVE CONVICTS..

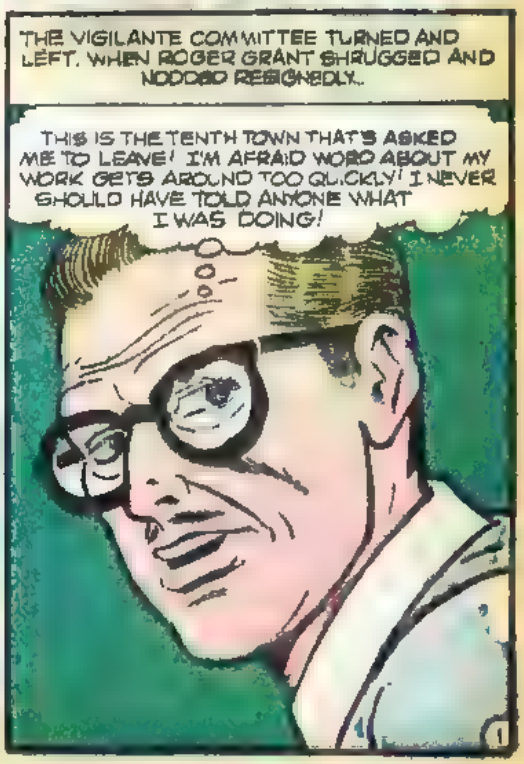
THEY'RE BACK! THE FOUR FIENDS HAVE RE-APPEARED IN THE EMPTY CELL! BUT HOW DID THEY DO IT?
YOU'LL NEVER GET THE ANSWER TO THAT WARDEN NOT FROM US. YOU WON'T! YOU

IT WAS CALLED *COMPOUND X*... A THREAT TO ALL WHO MIGHT BE EXPOSED TO ITS LETHAL POWER! BUT EVEN *MORE* DANGEROUS WAS THE GREED OF THE ONE WHO PUT PERSONAL GAIN ABOVE THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF THOSE ABOUT HIM!

The MAN EVERYBODY FEARED!

HOW CAN YOU EXPECT ME TO GIVE UP MY EXPERIMENTS NOW, AT A TIME, WHEN MY *COMPOUND X* IS SO NEAR BEING ACHEVED? NOT ONLY DOES IT MEAN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR MYSELF, BUT THE MOST POTENT WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION YET DEVISED BY MAN!
YOU'RE QUITE PROUD OF THAT, EH, MR GRANT? I'M AFRAID WE PEOPLE OF MEADESTOWN HAVE NOTHING BUT SCORN FOR A MAN WHO'D TRAFFIC IN HUMAN MISERY!


I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR OPINION OF ME! NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN.
YOU'VE NO CHOICE, MR GRANT! THIS SO-CALLED *COMPOUND X* IS A MENACE TO THE TOWN! EITHER YOU WILL *STOP* TRYING TO FIND THAT FORMULA, OR YOU WILL LEAVE... BY FORCE, IF NECESSARY!


THE VIGILANTE COMMITTEE TURNED AND LEFT. WHEN ROGER GRANT SHRUGGED AND NODDED RESIGNEDLY..
THIS IS THE TENTH TOWN THAT'S ASKED ME TO LEAVE! I'M AFRAID WORD ABOUT MY WORK GETS AROUND TOO QUICKLY! I NEVER SHOULD HAVE TOLD ANYONE WHAT I WAS DOING!

WHEN NIGHT CAME, ROGER WAS PREPARED TO LEAVE MEADESTOWN...

IF ONLY I COULD FIND SOME PLACE THAT'S NEVER HEARD OF ME! I'M SO CLOSE TO PERFECTING MY COMPOUND!

HE DROVE SEVERAL DAYS, WANDERING AIMLESSLY OVER MOUNTAINS AND ACROSS THE DESERT...

EVERY TOWN I'VE TRIED HAS TOLD ME TO MOVE ON, AS SOON AS THEY SAW MY NAME ON THE TRUCK! THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WAS HAPPY FOR PUBLICITY! NOW I'M KNOWN...AND FEARED!

WELL, HERE'S ANOTHER TOWN! IT'LL BE THE USUAL THING I SUPPOSE. YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY, MR. GRANT, PROVIDED YOU DON'T WORK ON COMPOUND X!

ROGER WAS HEARTENED TO NOTICE THAT HIS TRUCK DREW NO PARTICULAR ATTENTION IN THE DESERT TOWN...

GOOD MORNING! LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER SCORCHER TODAY!

SO FAR, SO GOOD! PERHAPS MY LUCK IS CHANGING!

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THE NAME OF ROGER GRANT APPARENTLY MEANT NOTHING TO THE REAL ESTATE OPERATOR...

I THINK WE CAN FIND A SUITABLE BUILDING FOR YOUR LABORATORY, MR. GRANT! MISS LEWIS WILL SHOW YOU SEVERAL PROPERTIES AVAILABLE, IF YOU'D LIKE!

I'D LIKE THAT VERY MUCH!

ROGER FOUND HIMSELF AS INTERESTED IN EVA LEWIS AS HE WAS IN FINDING A PLACE TO GO ON WITH HIS WORK...

I THINK YOU'LL FIND EVERY CONVENIENCE HERE! IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO...

BEING A STRANGER IN SANDSVILLE, I'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMEBODY SHOW ME AROUND! IF YOU'D HAVE DINNER WITH ME THIS EVENING...?

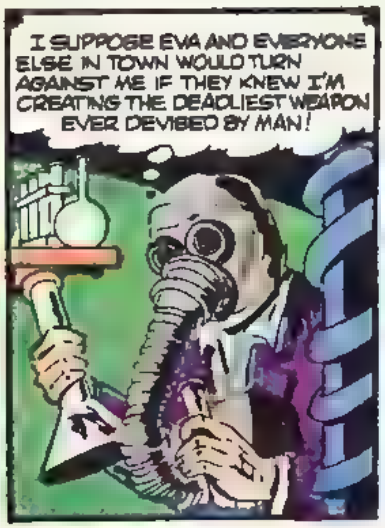
IN EVA'S COMPANY THAT EVENING, ROGER FOUND MORE HAPPINESS THAN HE HAD KNOWN IN A LONG TIME...

I'D LOVE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EXPERIMENT YOU'RE WORKING ON, ROGER!

I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT SOMETIME, EVA! ALL I CAN SAY RIGHT NOW IS THAT IT'S SOMETHING I EXPECT TO SELL TO THE GOVERNMENT!

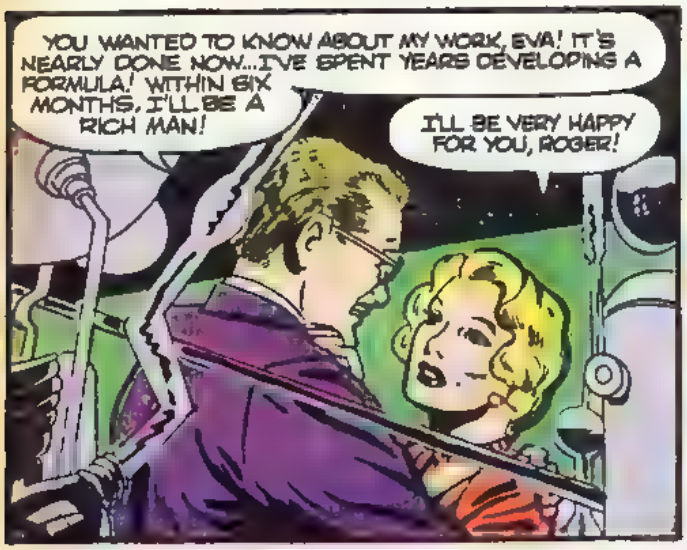
I KNEW YOU MUST BE AN IMPORTANT MAN!
I WANT TO BE IMPORTANT TO YOU, EVA! IT WAS A WONDERFUL STROKE OF LUCK COMING TO SANDBVILLE... FINDING YOU, MEETING SUCH GOOD, FRIENDLY PEOPLE!

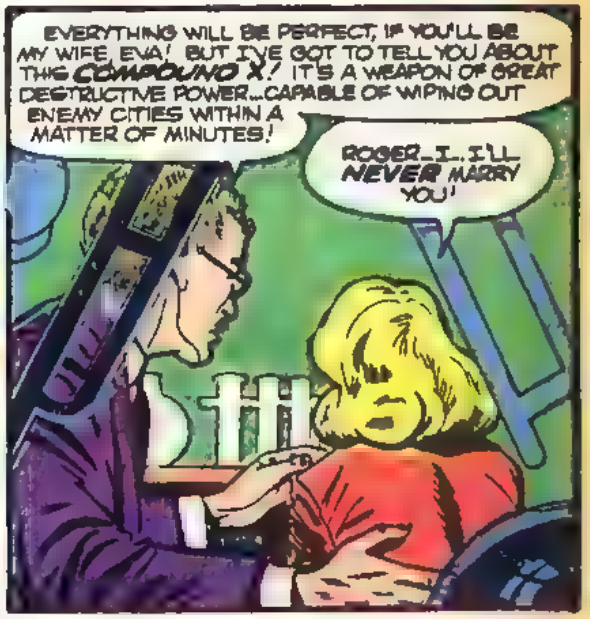
AS COMPLETION OF HIS WORK DREW NEARER EACH DAY, ROGER GRANT WAS INCREASINGLY HAUNTED BY DOUBTS...


I SUPPOSE EVA AND EVERYONE ELSE IN TOWN WOULD TURN AGAINST ME IF THEY KNEW I'M CREATING THE DEADLIEST WEAPON EVER DEVISED BY MAN!

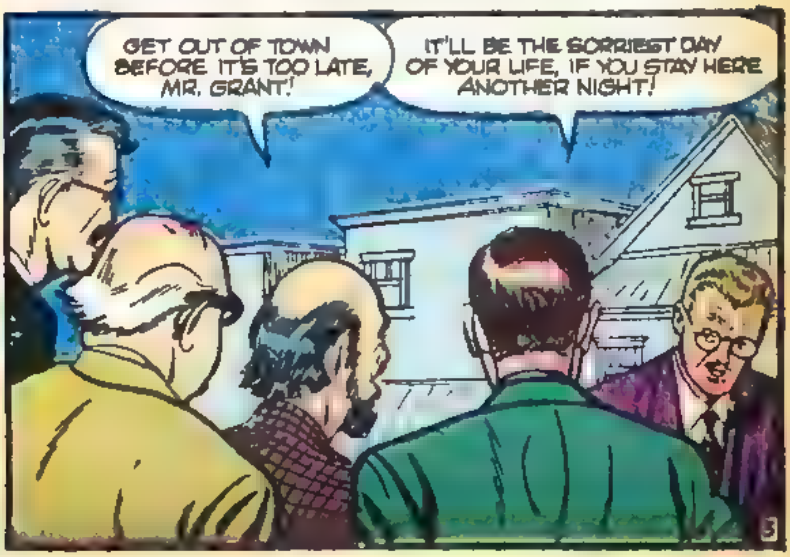
STILL, I'VE GOT TO TELL EVA SOMETIME! BUT WHATEVER SHE SAYS, I MUSTN'T LET HER TURN ME AWAY FROM MY PURPOSE! I'LL NOT GIVE UP MY CHANCE AT A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FORTUNE, EVEN FOR HER!

ROGER HELD OFF MENTIONING THE MATTER TO EVA LEWIS, UNTIL ONE NIGHT, WHEN ACHIEVEMENT OF COMPOUND X WAS JUST HOURS AWAY...


YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT MY WORK, EVA! IT'S NEARLY DONE NOW... I'VE SPENT YEARS DEVELOPING A FORMULA! WITHIN SIX MONTHS, I'LL BE A RICH MAN!
I'LL BE VERY HAPPY FOR YOU, ROGER!

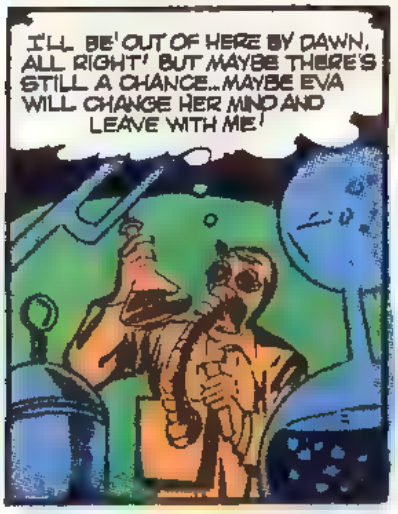

EVERYTHING WILL BE PERFECT, IF YOU'LL BE MY WIFE, EVA! BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT THIS COMPOUND X! IT'S A WEAPON OF GREAT DESTRUCTIVE POWER... CAPABLE OF WIPING OUT ENEMY CITIES WITHIN A MATTER OF MINUTES!
ROGER... I... I'LL NEVER MARRY YOU!

HE STOOD ALONE FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, BEFORE GOING TO LOOK FOR EVA! AND WHEN HE SAW THE SULLEN GROUPS OF PEOPLE STARING AT HIM, HE KNEW SHE HAD TOLD THEM...

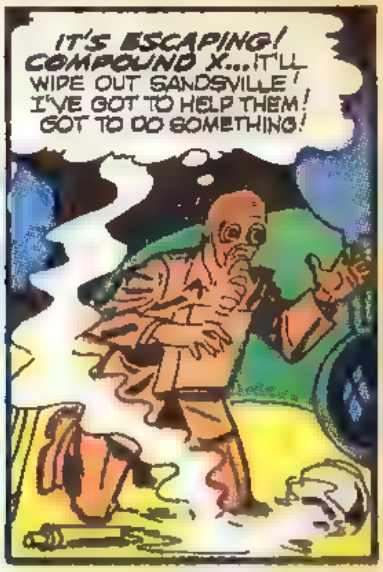


EVERY WAY HE TURNED, THOSE SAME OMINOUS WORDS WERE ECHOED..

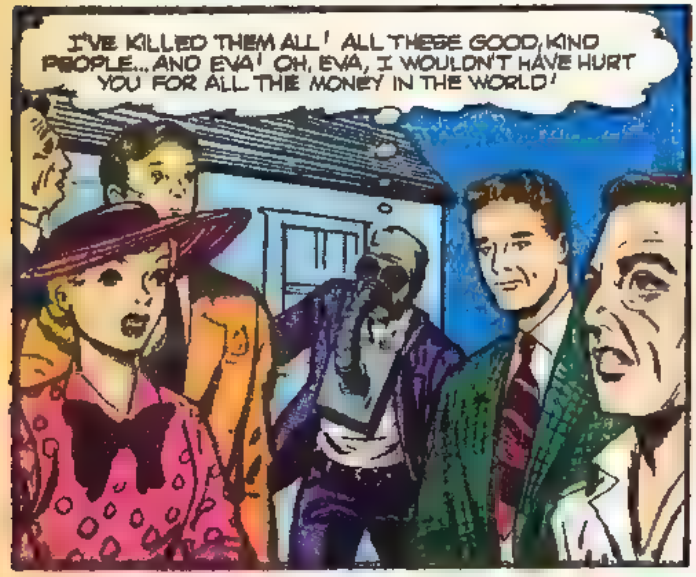
ROGER WORKED INTO THE NIGHT, SUBMERGING HEARTACHE BENEATH A WILL TO FINISH! AND HE *DID* FINISH! HIS DREAM WAS NOW A REALITY!



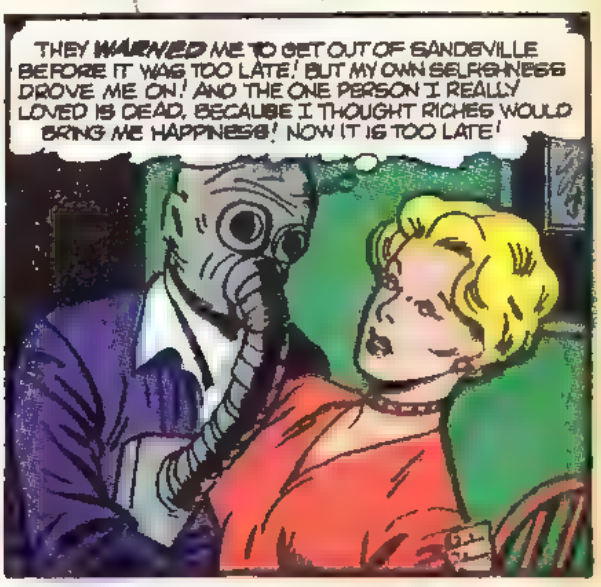
HE'D TRIED TO BE CAREFUL, BUT THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT!



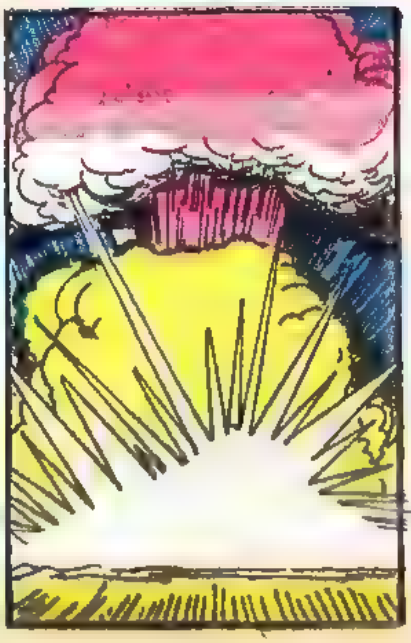
AS ROGER RACED THROUGH THE STREETS, ONE THOUGHT TORMENTED HIM...



HE RACED TO EVA LEWIS' HOME AND FOUND HER, STIFF, STARING, LIFELESS...


THEY *WARNED* ME TO GET OUT OF SANDSVILLE BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE! BUT MY OWN SELFISHNESS DROVE ME ON! AND THE ONE PERSON I REALLY LOVED IS DEAD, BECAUSE I THOUGHT RICHES WOULD BRING ME HAPPINESS! NOW IT IS TOO LATE!

HE RETURNED TO HIS LAB, SMASHED THE EQUIPMENT HE NOW DESPISED! WITHIN AN HOUR, ROGER GRANT WAS ON HIS WAY! THE FIRST GRAY STREAKS OF DAWN FOUND HIM FAR FROM THE DESERT TOWN OF SANDSVILLE...



PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL FOR THE WORLD THAT ROGER *WAS* FAR AWAY FROM THE TOWN, FOR SHORTLY AFTER DAWN, AN ATOMIC BLAST MADE THE *MODEL TOWN OF SANDSVILLE* AND ALL THE *PLASTIC MODEL PEOPLE* IN IT, VANISH FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

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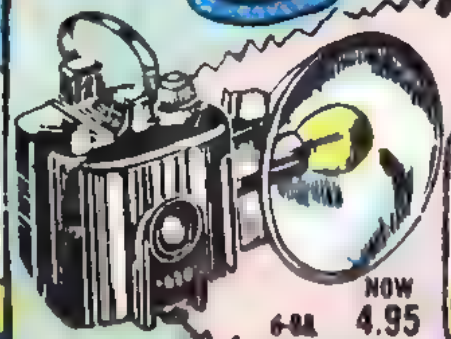

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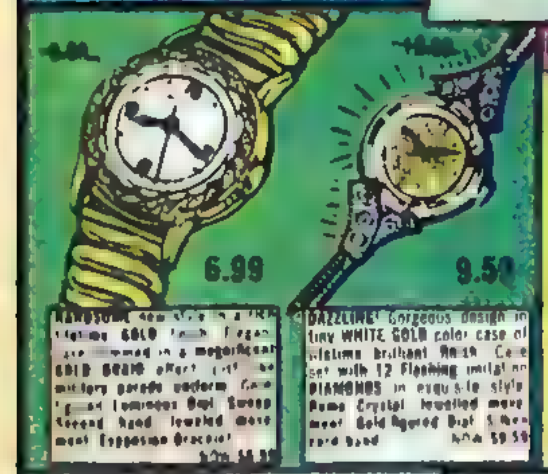

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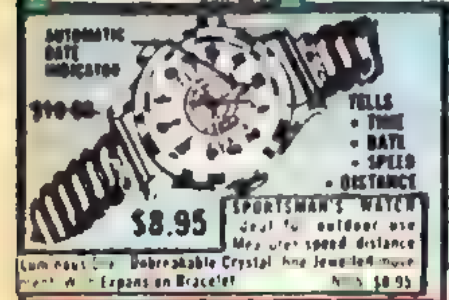

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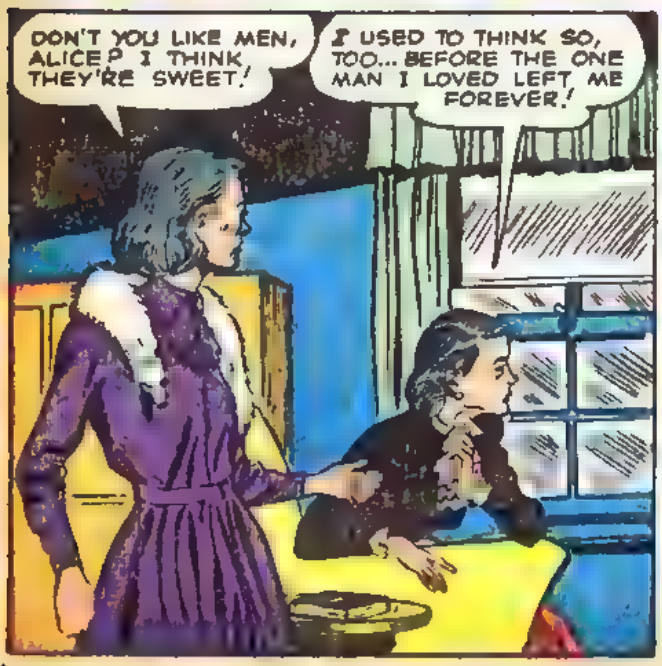
SHE LIVED WITH A BITTER MEMORY... AND SAID THAT *MEN* WERE HER WORST ENEMIES! AND THEN CAME A STRANGE PROPHECY TO CHANGE ALL THAT!

WHAT HAPPENED TO ALICE PRIM?

BUT YOU CAN'T JUST SIT IN YOUR ROOM NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, ALICE! YOU SHOULD GET OUT AND SEE LIFE!
I'VE SEEN PLENTY OF LIFE, THANK YOU, JANE! BESIDES, EVERY MAN I MEET IS INTERESTED IN ME *ONLY* TO GET MY LIFE SAVINGS AWAY FROM ME!



WHAT? YOU NEVER TOLD ME!
YES, I WAS IN LOVE ONCE WITH A SAILOR NAMED HARRY SMITH! JUST WHEN WE WERE TO GET MARRIED, HE LEFT ME AND I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE! THAT WAS TWENTY YEARS AGO AND I HAVEN'T TRUSTED ANOTHER MAN!

A SAILOR, EH? MAYBE HE MET WITH AN ACCIDENT AT SEA!
THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD ME, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT! MEN AREN'T TO BE TRUSTED AND THAT'S THAT!
WELL, THERE'S NO HARM IN TAKING A LITTLE WALK, IS THERE? COME ON, ALICE!
OH, ALL RIGHT, BUT IT'S JUST TO OBLIGE YOU! THE ONLY FUN I HAVE IS COUNTING MY MONEY THESE DAYS!
ALICE PRIM LOCKED HER DOOR VERY CAREFULLY, FASTENING ALL THE BOLTS AGAINST HER MORTAL ENEMY... MAN... ANY MAN! AND THEN...
OH, LOOK, ALICE! A GYPSY FORTUNETELLER! LET'S GO IN AND SEE WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR US!
NOT I! MY PAST HAS BEEN SO UNHAPPY, I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT MY FUTURE IS! YOU GO IN AND I'LL KEEP YOU COMPANY!
GYPSY GAZA
1 FLIGHT UP
FORTUNES TOLD
I SEE NOTHING IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FUTURE! BUT DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND NAMED... ALICE PRIM?
ALICE PRIM? WHY... YES!
THEN TELL HER... THAT A TALL, DARK MAN WILL SOON ENTER HER LIFE... AND THAT WILL BE THE END OF MISS PRIM!
MY GOODNESS!
NO! OH... NO!
I TOLD YOU! MEN ARE MY ENEMIES! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
ALICE, WAIT!
SHE CAN RUN AND SHE CAN HIDE! BUT IT'S NO USE! THE FATES... AND THE TALL, DARK MAN WILL CATCH UP WITH HER... AND THEN... NO MORE MISS PRIM!
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MISS PRIM RUSHED HOME TO THE SAFETY OF HER FURNISHED ROOM AND LOCKED AND BOLTED HER DOOR! SHE SAT THERE TREMBLING!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO GO OUT! SOME MAN IS AFTER ME...TO FINISH ME!
ALL THAT NIGHT, SHE SAT AWAKE IN FEAR... AND THE NEXT DAY! THEN, THE NEXT EVENING...
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT AND GET SOME DINNER! BUT I'LL BE VERY CAREFUL... AND IF ANY TALL, DARK MAN COMES ANYWHERE NEAR ME... I'LL SCREAM FOR HELP AND RUN!
SO SHE OPENED THE DOOR..
MISS PRIM? MISS ALICE PRIM?
GET AWAY! GET AWAY FROM ME!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY FROM ME! WAIT A MINUTE!
HELP! HELP!
NO USE, MY DEAR! I'VE COME FOR YOU!
DESPERATION LENT SPEED AND DARING TO ALICE PRIM... AND SHE JUMPED OUT OF THE WINDOW, SEEKING FLIGHT FROM THE TALL, DARK MAN OF THE GYPSY'S PROPHECY!
PLEASE... PLEASE LET ME ALONE!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME... AND I'M NOT LETTING YOU ALONE! SO YOU'D BETTER STOP RUNNING!

ALARM GRIPPED ALICE PRIM SO TIGHTLY THAT HER VOCAL CHORDS WERE HELPLESS AND SHE COULD NO LONGER CRY FOR HELP! AND SO THE STRANGE CHASE BEGAN DOWN THE DARK AND DESERTED STREET!

OHHH! I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP! HE'LL CATCH ME... AND THE GYPSY'S PROPHECY WILL COME TRUE! THIS *IS* THE "LAST OF MISS PRIM"!

SOON SHE WAS CORNERED AND COULD RUN NO FURTHER! THE TALL, DARK MAN CLOSED IN ON HER... AND SHE OPENED HER MOUTH TO THROW ALL HER ENERGIES INTO ONE LAST DESPERATE SCREAM!

DON'T SCREAM! IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD!

YOU SEE, WHEN THE POLICE COME, I'LL JUST TELL THEM WHO I AM AND *WHY* I'M AFTER YOU...

DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME, ALICE? I'M ***HARRY SMITH***... AND I'VE COME TO ***CHANGE*** YOU FROM ***MISS PRIM*** TO ***MRS. SMITH!*** I LOST MY MEMORY AT SEA AND COULDN'T RETURN TO YOU UNTIL MY MEMORY CAME BACK! NOW EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE WONDERFUL FOR ***BOTH*** OF US!

AND SO THE PROPHECY OF THE FORTUNETELLER CAME TRUE... THAT ***WAS*** THE ***LAST*** OF ***MISS PRIM!***

THE AMAZING MONEY TREE

ALL was not as peaceful as it seemed in the Anderson household. Tom Anderson, whose face normally relaxed into a genial grin, was tense and tight-featured. His wife Amy was customarily calm and composed, but now she glanced anxiously from the tall figure of her husband staring out of the living room window to her son Billy, who was busily engaged in planting out in the garden.

Finally, Tom broke the strained silence.

"I just don't know what to do with that boy," he brooded. "He's driven me to distraction. No matter how much I've tried to convince him with simple reason, he still believes he can grow a money tree in our front yard."

"You've got to be more patient, Tom," his wife said. "Time will pass, and Billy will see for himself that no money tree will sprout from the spot where he planted the penny, dime and a quarter. Remember that's a self-reliant youngster who likes to solve problems for himself. Let him learn on his own that it's a sheer impossibility."

"Patience!" her husband snorted. "This has been going on since early Spring when I did some reseeding. He's been blabbering about the money tree he planted. It's a real obsession with him, and if he keeps it up, we'll be the laughing stock of the whole neighborhood."

"Well, to a degree, you're responsibile," Amy advised him. "Last year, when he planted those carrots and bean seeds, you kept cautioning him not to be disappointed if nothing came up. He developed a lot of self-respect when he grew a healthy crop of vegetables by mid-Summer."

"I wasn't trying to undermine his faith," Tom growled. "I knew that he had bought a cheap pack of seeds in the dime store and that he wasn't very systematic in his method of planting them. I didn't want him to be disillusioned. I still think it's amazing that he got any results at all."

"Yet you acted as though you resented his success," Amy reminded him. "You never patted him on the back, and all he remembers is your constant scoffing attitude. That's why he's confident now, despite your common sense approach, *that he can really grow a money tree.*"

Tom digested all this information slowly and his features tightened further. "What really bothers me, Amy, is his conviction that he can't be wrong. And now he's resorted to subtle teasing . . ."

"Teasing, Tom," his wife protested. "I think that's going to an extreme."

"It's true, nevertheless. Remember that song we bought him? He sings it to me every time I try to talk to him about the money tree. The song is about growing things. He sings that song constantly when he works in the garden. And when I approach Billy pleasantly and ask how his project is coming along, he just looks at me wisely and answers, *'Great Oaks Grow From Little Acorns.'* It annoys me because he dismisses me as though I were just a person who couldn't possibly understand him."

"I'll admit it's annoying," Amy agreed, "but try to bear with him. Try to share his interest. It will help him later on when he's doomed to disappointment."

"I'll try, but I wish he wouldn't make it so tough. He's so serious about that money tree. He planted those coins so thoroughly. First, he dug a triangular hole and made a sand and pebble base. Then he deposited the coins and covered them with rich topsoil until he had a nice round mound. Then, he dug a small trench around the mound, just as if he really expected a tree to grow there. And look at him now. He's watering that mound carefully, just as he does every day. I'm almost tempted to dig it all up one night and end this business for good."

"You dont have much more time to wait, Tom. Soon everything will be bursting into full bloom. When all the other flowers and shrubs blossom forth, Billy will realize that his money tree isn't going to grow."

A short time passed without easing the tensions. Billy kept at his project while his mother fretted and his father fumed. Then one morning, Billy excitedly called his parents into the front yard. The three Andersons stood silently inspecting the hardy brown shaft that had emerged from the mound of earth.

"My money tree . . . my money tree," Billy shouted ecstatically. "It's popped up over-

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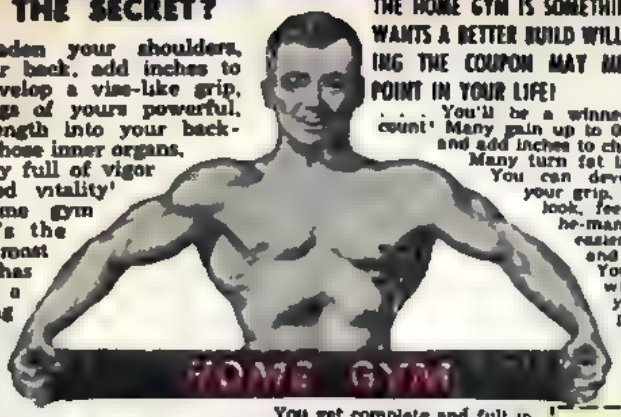

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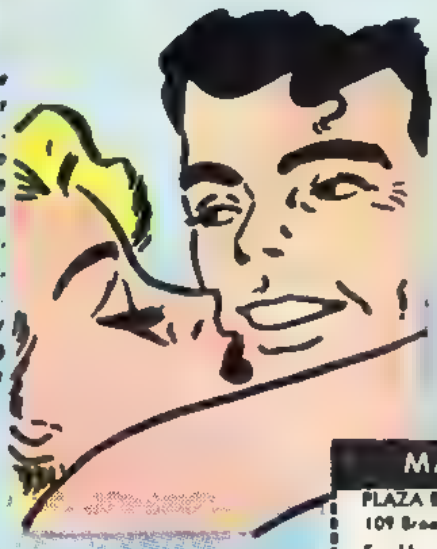

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WHO KNOWS? I KNOW.
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NOBODY SAYS A WORD IN ANSWER TO BIG MIKE'S BOAST! AND NOW HE'S BEING SHOWN AROUND THE SECRET CITY...
HEY! WHAT'S THAT?
OUR TREASURE HORDE... IT BELONGS TO ALL WHO LIVE HERE!
IF ALL THE GOLD BELONGED TO ONLY ONE PERSON, HE'D BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD! AND THAT'S WHAT MIKE BOWIE AIMS TO BE!

I'LL BE GLAD TO GET AWAY FROM HERE! AND I'LL BE A REAL HERO ONCE I GET BACK! I'LL BE THE FIRST MAN WHO EVER WENT OVER THAT WATERFALL AND WAS SEEN AGAIN!

NOBODY SAYS A WORD IN ANSWER TO BIG MIKE'S BOAST AND NOW THE SENTENCE IS BEING CARRIED OUT.
YOU CAME BY THE WHIRLPOOL .. BY THE WHIRLPOOL YOU SHALL RETURN!

NOW HE'S ON HIS WAY BACK! HE'S SCARED ALL RIGHT, BUT HE KEEPS TELLING HIMSELF...

THIS WON'T TAKE LONG! THEN I'LL BE BACK...AND JUST WAIT TILL FOLKS SEE HOW I MADE GOOD MY BOAST OF GETTING OVER THAT WATERFALL ALIVE!

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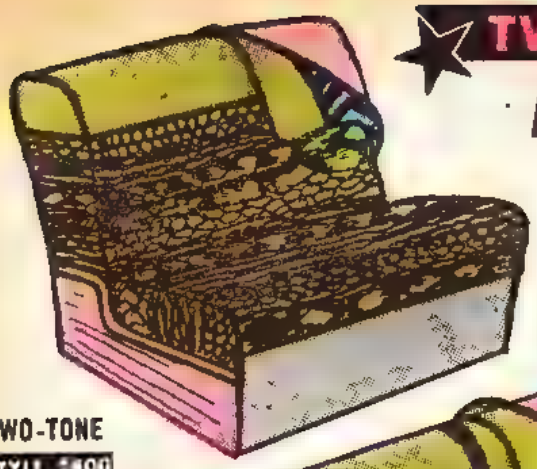

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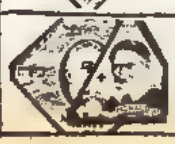

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night and is really starting to grow."

His parents exchanged mystified glances.

"I don't want to give you the wrong impression, Tom," Amy began. "I don't believe in this any more than you do . . . but that shaft is growing directly from that mound where Billy planted the coins."

"I'll admit that's true," Tom said slowly, "but we have no way of telling that some other seed might have blown in there while Billy was planting. You and I *know positively* that you can't grow a tree from metal, and there are no germinating seeds in pennies, dimes or quarters. Let's wait and watch. Probably it will turn out to be a birch or an elm."

"Now, Tom, you know that trees don't grow that way either," Amy reproved. "They require careful planting and supervision."

But the Andersons waited patiently and watched anyway. And while they did, the young shoot took hold and grew astonishingly. Within six weeks, it matured into a full-grown tree and developed curled-up pods that were like any other leaves, with one startling difference. Some of the leaves took on a bright copper tone while others had an unusual silver sheen. Tom and Amy were troubled, but Billy oozed confidence.

"I told you I'd grow a money tree," he chortled. "Just wait and see. We'll have pennies, dimes and quarters sprouting from every leaf. Then won't you be proud of me."

For once, Tom was strangely silent. He shrugged his shoulders in dull resignation. His neighbors and the local press, however, were far more intrigued. By the time the leaves uncurled, the Anderson front lawn was jammed with curious onlookers while reporters busied themselves interviewing neighbors when Tom Anderson refused any comment and photographers took shots of the tree from all angles.

Finally, a delegation descended upon the Andersons from Washington, D. C. In the group were a few FBI men, a coin mint expert from the Treasury Department, the nation's foremost botanist, and the President's most trusted aide. The FBI men were worried about the possible effect on the nation's economy. The Treasury man was concerned with the possible counterfeiting of U. S. coins. The botanist was preoccupied with the new species of mint

tree. And the Andersons were worried about their son, Billy.

It was an impressive group that studied the leaves as they flowered fully and opened. There, nestled in the pouch of every leaf, was a shiny new coin. The copper leaves held as many as four or five pennies. The silver leaves contained a cluster of dimes or two quarters.

A small mobile lab had been moved into the Anderson household. The coins were tested for their metal content, their strength, and the words and numbers engraved indelibly upon them. Outside the botanist studied the leaves and the bark of the tree with fascination while a cordon of armed guards kept out the curious spectators. Finally, the experts were ready with their report.

"The coins are genuine in every respect," the mystified Treasury man announced . . . "The tree is a mutation that has never appeared before," the delighted botanist exclaimed . . . "The government is prepared to buy your property for any reasonable sum you name," the President's aide stated solemnly to the Andersons. "We cannot allow this tree to fall into the hands of irresponsible people."

Of course, the Andersons gladly sold their property. They wanted to cooperate with the government and they also wished to be freed from the mob of curiosity seekers and fortune hunters. And Billy was quite content to sell the tree, since it had been clearly established that he had succeeded in his wildest dream.

For a while, there was a panic of money tree planting throughout the world. But it soon faded out, for no one was able to duplicate Billy's feat. The former Anderson home was made into a National Shrine, closely patrolled by police and visited by thousands of tourists. And the government more than made up its original purchase price by charging small admission fees to the public.

Every year in late Spring, the tree blossoms beautifully. When the pods open, there is always a fair assortment of bright new coins. The Andersons are resettled in a new community where they are trying to readjust to normal, quiet living. They are a happy, harmonious family once more.

Sometimes, however, Tom still gets that tense, tight-featured look. That's when Billy starts to putter eagerly in the garden during early Spring.

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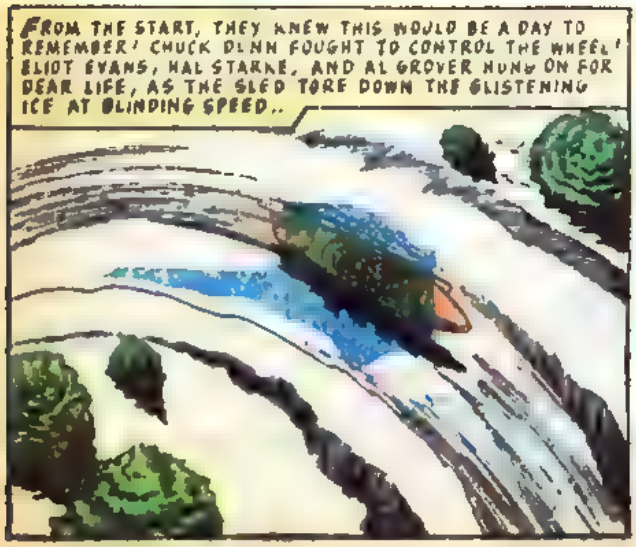
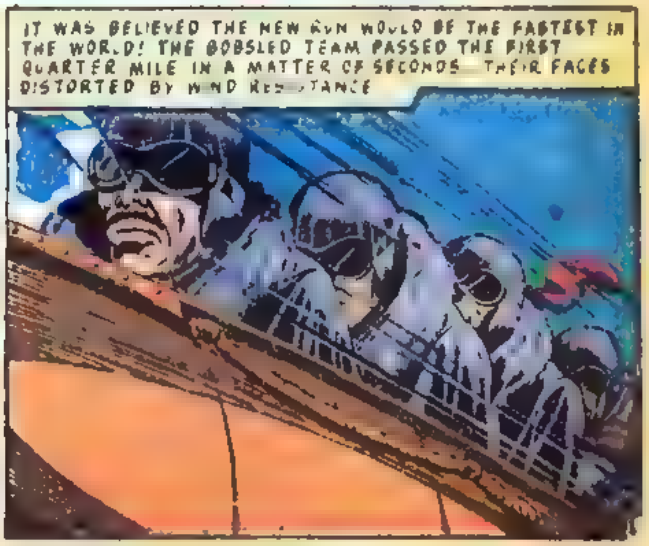
THE FOUR DARING MEN TRAVELED A PERILOUS ROUTE NO MAN HAD EVER USED BEFORE TO A MYSTERIOUS TOWN NOBODY KNEW EXISTED! AND WHEN THEIR STRANGE JOURNEY ENDED, ONLY ONE OF THEM KNEW THE ASTONISHING EXPLANATION FOR THE TOWN BEING THERE AND FOR .

the FOLKS WHO FADED AWAY

DON'T FORGET, BOYS... YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO TRY OUT THIS NEW BOBSLED RUN! NOBODY HAS ANY IDEA *HOW FAST* YOU'LL COVER THE MILE DISTANCE!
NOBODY KNOWS HOW FAST THIS NEW SLED WE BUILT WILL GO, EITHER BUT WE'LL SOON FIND OUT, STARTER! READY, NOW... CHECK OUR TIME!


FROM THE START, THEY KNEW THIS WOULD BE A DAY TO REMEMBER! CHUCK DUNN FOUGHT TO CONTROL THE WHEEL! ELIOT EVANS, HAL STARKE, AND AL GROVER HUNG ON FOR DEAR LIFE, AS THE SLED TORE DOWN THE GLISTENING ICE AT BLINDING SPEED..


IT WAS BELIEVED THE NEW RUN WOULD BE THE FASTEST IN THE WORLD! THE BOBSLED TEAM PASSED THE FIRST QUARTER MILE IN A MATTER OF SECONDS... THEIR FACES DISTORTED BY WIND RESISTANCE

SO FANTASTIC WAS THEIR SPEED, THAT THE COUNTRYSIDE ABOUT THEM VANISHED FROM THEIR SIGHT! THEY SEEMED TO BE GLIDING ON AIR...
THEY'D COVERED HALF THE DISTANCE, WHEN THE NEW BOBSLED FAILED TO TAKE A SHARP CURVE
THE SOFT SNOW THEY PLOWED THROUGH SLOWED THEM! SUDDENLY, THE BOBSLED TURNED OVER! THE DAZED QUARTET FOUND THEMSELVES IN A LARGE MOUNTAIN TOWN...
THAT WAS QUITE A BAD SPILL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW! I'M NOT SURE I'M ALIVE! YOU ARE AN ANGEL, AREN'T YOU?
UH, OH! HER BOY FRIEND, I GUESS... AND MAD WITH JEALOUSY! IF I DON'T MOVE FAST, THAT GUN IS LIABLE TO GO OFF!
AL GROVER SPRANG AT THE MAN WITH THE HUNTING RIFLE...
HE'S VANISHED!
DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED, MISS? THAT FELLOW YOU WERE WITH AIMED HIS GUN AT ME! I JUMPED AT HIM .. AND HE JUST FADED AWAY!
YOU TOOK A WORSE BUMP THAN I REALIZED! I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON YOU FOR A WHILE!
NO USE TRYING TO SET ANY SPEED RECORD AFTER ALL THIS LOST TIME. WE'RE GOING TO LOOK THE TOWN OVER AL
GO AHEAD, BOYS! THE YOUNG LADY AND I ARE GOING TO KEEP AN EYE ON EACH OTHER!

THIS IS SURE AN ODD PLACE! EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE GIRL, EVERYBODY IN TOWN IGNORED US WHEN WE BARGED IN ON THEM!
YOU FELLOWS GO ON AHEAD! I WANT TO STOP IN HERE AND HAVE MY WATCH CHECKED... IT STOPPED RUNNING WHEN WE TURNED OVER!
JEWELS
AS THE JEWELER FIXED CHUCK DUNN'S WATCH, HE LOOKED AROUND THE SHOP...
HE CARRIES A FINE STOCK OF JEWELS! THIS NECKLACE MUST BE WORTH PLENTY...
BUT IN THAT INSTANT, THE NECKLACE VANISHED! THE JEWELER FADED INTO NOTHINGNESS! THE STORE WAS GONE!
N-NOTHING BUT SNOW .. (GASP!) AND TREES
MEANWHILE, AL GROVER AND THE GIRL, GRACE VANCE, BECAME BETTER ACQUAINTED...
I'LL BE BACK RIGHT AFTER WE FINISH THE BOBSLED RUN, GRACE! THERE'S A NICE PLACE FOR DINNER AND DANCING IN THE VALLEY!
I'LL BE WAITING, AL!
AT THAT MOMENT, ELIOT AND HAL WERE EXPERIENCING GRAVE DANGER...
THAT ROARING NOISE ...HAL! LOOK UP AT THE MOUNTAIN! AVALANCHE!
THIS PART OF THE TOWN WILL BE BURIED UNDER TONS OF SNOW! LOOK OUT, EVERYBODY! AVALANCHE! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
ELIOT! AM I SEEING THINGS?
MAYBE WE'RE BOTH HAVING HALLUCINATIONS! PART OF THE TOWN IS FADING AWAY! AND SO ARE THE PEOPLE IN THE PATH OF THE AVALANCHE!
THIS PLACE IS GETTING ON MY NERVES! LET'S GET BACK ON THAT BOBSLED RUN AND AWAY FROM HERE!
THAT'S OKAY WITH ME! BUT I'M COMING BACK LATER! I'VE GOT A DATE WITH A WONDERFUL GIRL!

THERE GOES THE REST OF THE TOWN, FADING AWAY! YOU MIGHT AS WELL FORGET THAT GIRL, AL! SHE'LL NEVER BE BACK! SHE JUST DOESN'T EXIST!
I HOPE YOU'RE WRONG, CHUCK! I'VE FALLEN HARD FOR GRACE VANCE!
AS THE BOBSLED HURTLED DOWN TO FINISH ITS RUN, AL'S HEART WAS HEAVY WITH UNCERTAINTY! BUT AT THE FINISH LINE, THE TIMEKEEPER UNKNOWINGLY RESTORED HOPE TO HIM...
YOU'VE SET A NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR THE DISTANCE!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WE HAD A SPILL... LOST SOME TIME!
SUDDENLY, AL GROVER UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE VANISHING TOWN AND PEOPLE! SOON, HE RETURNED TO THE START OF THE BOBSLED RUN, STARTED DOWN SLOWLY WITH THE BRAKE ON...
THERE'S THE FELLOW I THOUGHT WAS AIMING A RIFLE AT ME! HE VANISHED WHEN I DIVED AT HIM! BECAUSE HE WASN'T THERE TO BEGIN WITH!
THE TOWN WE SAW... THAT NEVER EXISTED EITHER! WE WERE GOING SO FAST, THAT WE SURPASSED "TIME"!
WE WERE GOING SO FAST, THAT THE BUILDINGS AND PEOPLE ON THE WAY DOWN APPEARED TO US AS A SINGLE TOWN! THEN WHEN "TIME" CAUGHT UP WITH US, THE TOWN SEEMED TO VANISH!
BUT THE BUILDINGS AND PEOPLE WERE REAL! I KNOW GRACE VANCE WAS REAL! THERE SHE IS!
AL! I WAS AFRAID YOU WEREN'T COMING BACK!
I'M GOING DOWN TO THE VALLEY SLOWLY, GRACE! YOU'RE IN NO HURRY?
I'M NOT THE LEAST BIT IN A HURRY, AL! I'M JUST VERY HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU!
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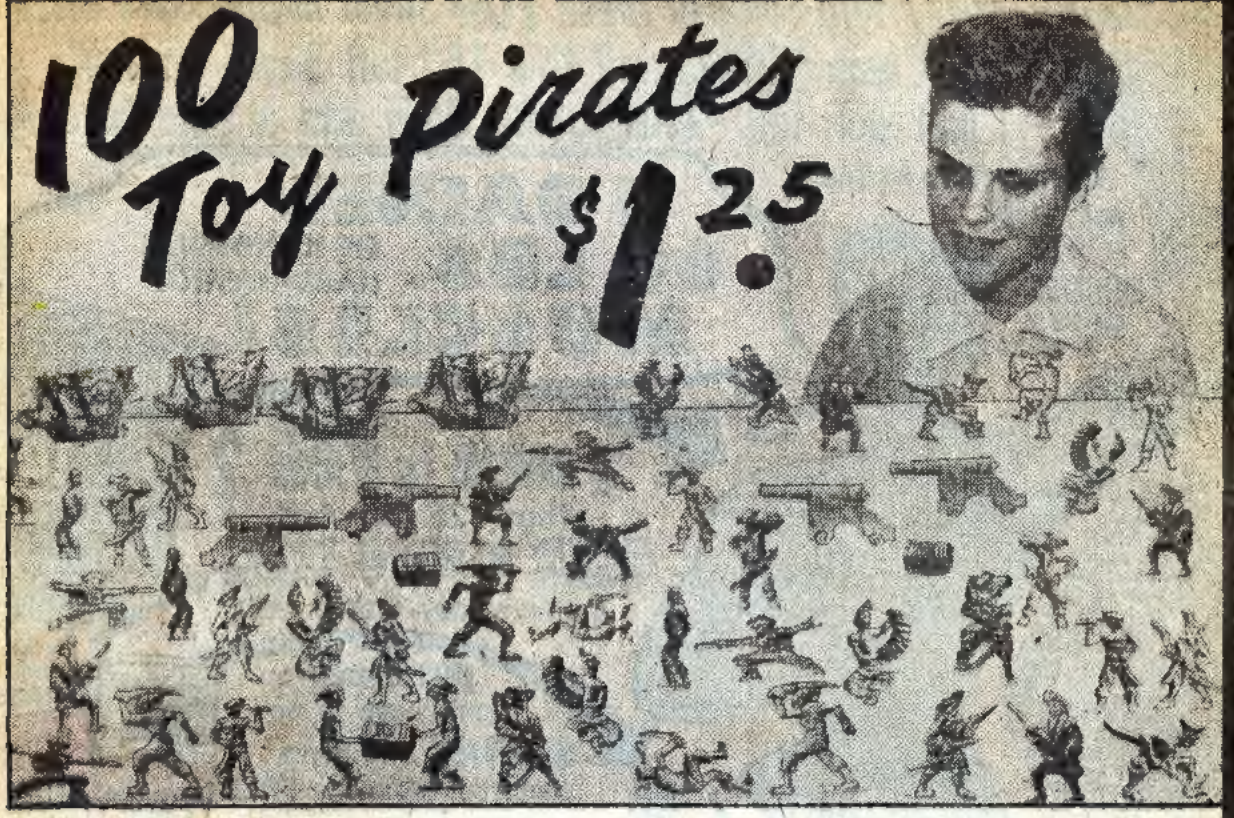

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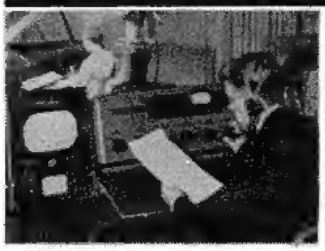

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